

Sid was an exemplary Member of the House Appropriations Committee and a great "cardinal." As Chairman and later the Ranking Member of the Appropriations Subcommittee for the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies, he single handily did more to protect the National Endowment for the Arts than any other Member in the House of Representatives. He kept the National Endowment going during the late eighties and early nineties—and the arts in America have been greatly advanced.

Sid Yates will always be remembered for his calm, reasoned thinking and sensible approach to getting his points across. He managed to show kindness to every single Member of Congress, yet never lost his own strong commitment to progressive causes. He will be missed by our whole Nation.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF GEORGE W. KUHN

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, today I commend Mr. George W. Kuhn of West Bloomfield, MI, on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Kuhn has a long and distinguished career as a public servant in Michigan. I have known George for many years now. His good nature, dedication, and enthusiasm for his work are phenomenal. He is a trusted and dedicated individual who has much to be proud of as he enters his retirement years.

George Kuhn was born in Detroit in 1925, one of eleven siblings, to Dr. and Mrs. Charles and Ella Kuhn. His education spanned Albion College, Central Michigan University, Harvard, Wayne State, and the University of Michigan. George has accomplished much in his life, including several years as an employee of the Ford Motor Company and many more years of public service in southeastern Michigan.

George Kuhn proudly served his nation as an officer in the United States Navy during both World War II and the Korean Conflict. He retired with the rank of Navy Captain after 40 years of active and reserve service.

George served as Councilman and Mayor of Berkley, MI, during the 1950's and 1960's. He was elected a Michigan State Senator in 1966 and rose to become the Michigan Senate Whip in 1970. George has given many years of tireless dedication to the Republican Party in Michigan.

Since 1972, George has diligently served as the Oakland County Drain Commissioner. He has been re-elected to that post seven times. George has been instrumental in developing and bringing to fruition the Twelve-Towns Drain Project. So much so, that the project now bears his name. The George W. Kuhn Drain is vitally important to prevent flooding for residents in Oakland County. Coinciding with his 28 years as Drain Commissioner, George has been an active member of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with the citizens of Oakland County in congratulating and honoring George Kuhn for his many years of service and devotion to the people of Michigan. I am glad to have known George these many years and I wish him, his

wife Doris, and all of his family, my heartfelt congratulations on his retirement and I thank him for his many years of public service to Michigan and to the Nation.

HONORING JANE QUIMBY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with immense sadness that I rise to pay tribute to Jane Quimby of Grand Junction, Colorado. Jane recently passed away after battling a brain tumor. This remarkable community leader served the Grand Valley in immeasurable ways and at this moment I would like to honor her amazing life and outstanding service.

Jane served her community in a number of different capacities, but it is her involvement with the Grand Junction City Council that is most renowned. In 1973, Jane became the first female elected to the City Council. During a tenure in city government that lasted nearly a decade, Jane also went on to become the first female Mayor of Grand Junction.

While her work in city government was quite extensive and impressive, she also served her community by serving on a number of different organizations. She was a founding member of the Western Colorado Community Foundation and the Grand Junction/Mesa County Riverfront Commission. She served as a board member of the Mesa County Economic Development Council and as President of the Colorado Municipal League. Jane also served for nearly two decades as part of the Oversight Board for the Colorado Energy Impact Assistance Fund.

Jane worked very hard to ensure that Grand Junction and its surrounding communities were a better place for all to live and her work will not soon be forgotten. On behalf of the State of Colorado and US Congress I would like to honor my friend Jane Quimby for helping to make the Grand Valley the outstanding community it is today. She will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE SAM V. CURTIS

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 13, 2000

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I note the passing of Sam V. Curtis, of Rialto, California, an uncommon, common man, known by all in his community.

Sam's favorite quote was from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." It is a fitting quote for Sam Curtis, a man who did not shy from fighting for justice and knowledge.

A man of high moral standards and humble beginnings, originally from Birmingham, Alabama, Sam Curtis cared about people personally, and served them with high distinction. He cared about the schools; his community; his

country. A member of the American Legion Post 422 Rialto and the Rialto VFW, he served in the Naval Air Wing during World War II in the Aleutian Islands, receiving the Asian Pacific Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. He was a husband for over half a century, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather.

Sam was a close friend of my family and a consistent supporter of hard-fought causes. My wife Barbara and I share his family's quiet admiration for the measure of Sam's many accomplishments and his full life. Sam was truly the voice of the people, a principled man with a conscience, who served on the Rialto city council for sixteen years. Sam always had a dignity about him. He treated everyone the same way, with great respect.

A teacher at heart, Sam started out as an educator, spending 27 years as a government and history teacher in the Rialto and San Bernardino school districts. Sam always emphasized to his students that they could effect positive change, by going to city council meetings and becoming aware of what was happening in their community. It is a fitting tribute to Sam's legacy as an educator that an elementary school proudly bears his name today, the "Sam V. Curtis Elementary School."

It is impossible to find a former student whose life has not been changed positively by Sam, whether it is the beat cop on the street or the waitress in the corner coffee shop. Everyone can point to a turning point where Sam's teaching caused each to embark upon a course of action.

In his long life of public service, Sam embraced the principle that one person can make a difference, by leading by example, getting people involved, touching everything and everyone in the community, leaving his mark like a modern-day Johnny Appleseed.

Elected to the Rialto city council in 1976, Sam was known as a consumer advocate, fighting for the underdog, championing just causes such as discounts for senior citizens. He was unafraid to speak his mind and fight for what he believed, with passion, honor, vigor, and resoluteness. He would not compromise his beliefs.

People looked up to Sam because of his respect for the community and his integrity as a person. Fair and courteous, even to those with whom he disagreed on the issues, he was beloved by all. We can learn much by his example.

People were very proud of Sam, admiring his efforts and good works, whether it was fighting for the people as an elected official, or carrying on good works in the community through groups such as the Democratic Central Committee; the San Bernardino County Democratic luncheon club; Friends of the Rialto K-9's; the California Teachers Association; the Rialto Exchange Club; the Veterans Employment Committee; the Retired Teachers Association; the Rialto Historical Society; and the Sierra Club.

I would like to offer my condolences to Sam's family: his wife, Eileen; his three sons, Victor, David and Philip; his daughter, Patricia; his ten grandchildren; and his great-grandchild.

To Sam, we say: "our thoughts and prayers lift upwards to heaven, where surely you are at peace. And so we say 'goodbye, we miss you, God bless you. We shall remember you always, and your good deeds will live in our hearts.'"